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Earthquake Tides.

It has long been observed that earthquakes most frequently occur along the sea-coast, and that in such cases they produce gigantic ocean tides.

Sometimes the sea boils up and partly overflows
the land, but oftener it retires suddenly from the shore, leaving barbors and bays bare, and returns again in irresistible force, heaped up like a solid wall, to dash itself upon the coast. These great waves are more drended in maritime cities than the earthquake shock itself. They bear great ships far inland; they overthrow everything that stands upright in their course; and, on their backward passage to the sea, they carry with them to destruction men, animals, and property. They may bring desolation to localities where the

arthquake itself has not been felt nor suspected. The distance to which these waves have been propagated, and the rapidity with which the impulse moves have frequently been observed. The reduced, recent earthquakes in Peru and Bolivia afford a No wo striking instance. Mr. Hochstetter has received detailed information from New Zealand, which permit some interesting calculations. The focus of the earthquake was near the Peruvian city of Arica, where the first shocks were felt at a quarter past five o'clock in the afternoon of the 16th of August. The first earthquake tide arrived in the harbor of Lyttleton, New Zealand, at fortyfive minutes after four o'clock in the morning of We will attend to the Sale of Sugar, and all kinds of Island the 15th of August. Arien is in longitude 70 degrees and 24 minutes West; Lyttleton (a village on the harbor, sometimes called Port Cooper), in 172 degrees 54 minutes East. The difference in longitude is, therefore, 243 deg. 18 min. As each degree makes a difference of four minutes in astronomical time, the difference in time between the two places is 16 hours and 13 minutes. This must be deducted from the apparent difference between the bour when the curthquake was felt at Arica, and the hour when its tidal wave arrived at Lyttleton. The apparent difference is 35 hours and 30 minutes; the real time occupied by the wave in transitu is, therefore, 19 hours and 17 minutes. The distance between Arica and Lyttleton is 116 degrees and 41 minutes West and 25 degrees and 8 minutes South, in all about 7,200 miles, on a great circle. We find, therefore, that the earthquake tide travels some 368 miles per hour, or 540 feet per second. This is the rapidity with which the impulse of an ordinary tide (of course we do not mean the attrachours) is propagated over the same route. In fact, the progress of the wave depends, not at all on the intensity of the original impulse, but on the depth of the water. Accordingly, we find from different observations that the earthquake tides of which we have been speaking, traveled with dif-

ferent velocities in different directions. At San Francisco, the velocity was about three hundred and sixty miles per bour; in some other The Company ted warranted in stating that repairs on ves- localities, still less. The observations taken together lead to the belief that the depth of the Paeific Ocean has been over estimated. Prof. Hilyard, of the United States Coast Survey, is making some calculations on the subject, which will

establish interesting conclusions. Refore leaving the subject, we will notice a fear expressed by the newspapers concerning the fate f the low coral islands lying between South America and Australia. It is supposed that, if the waves which reached those far coasts were the coral islands in their course. But this reasea in deep water is almost imperceptible; and their vertical motion along shore depends on the of the bottom. Thus the difference between high and low water at the two most Easterly capes North and South of Savannah on our Atlantic const, is but one foot : but this tide, transferred from horizontal into vertical motion, as it rushes up the sloping bottom in the shallows along the coast, finally attains, at Savannah, a rise of seven feet. Now, the earthquake tide of which we are speaking traveled from Arica to San Francisce at the rate of three hundred and sixty miles per hour; but at San Francisco it was only two feet high, and the interval between the two successive crests was one hundred and sixty miles. A wave like that is not recognizable as a wave at all. It simply manifests itself as a gentle rise of two feet, ollowed by a subsidence and another rise in half an hour. The coral islands probably did not suf-fer from its passage in mid-ocean; but on reaching and entering some confined harbor like those of Port Cooper and the Banks Peninsula, it would lose width and gain height, and, rushing up along a sloping bottom, would doubtless be able to work, as we are informed it did, some damage to

villages on the coast. We are inclined to doubt the truth of the statement, that the first phenomenon visible at Lyttleton was an ebb. Perhaps the first flow, coinciding with ordinary tides, was not noticed. An ebb we should think, must be the direct result of an carthquake, not the propagated effect of its tide. Was there another earthquake, or a submarine earthquake-wave, transmitted in the solid coast? At Sydney, the natural tide was running out when the earthquake tide made its appearance,

and a flood-tide began at mid-ebb. localities concerning this great natural catastrophe and its direct and indirect effects will furnish, to the literature of earthquakes .- American Jour- even in folding a newspaper, that slight inadver-

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European.

Fourteen English baronets have died since Janthe African coast indicates that the slave trade is montese, has been placed by the Holy Father at

Gargaroff, the wealthiest merchant in Moseow, is the grand-son of a serf, and his father was a

Victor Hugo's new work will be published in nine different languages, and from each edition he is to receive twenty-five cents per volume. ECONOMY IN THE ADMIRALTY.-The Lords of the Admiralty have ordered copying-presses to be

No wonder the British Government is tired of the colonies, when it costs \$13,000,000 a year to support the military force in them, of which the Colonial Governments pay back but a little more

REWARDS FOR HUMANITY .- The Journal Officiel, of Paris, publishes a list of medals awarded for acts of courage and devotedness in saving life during December, 1868, and January, 1869. second; sixteen silver first-class and thirty-two second; besides sixty honorable mentions. The London Lancet mentions a case in which

Spain and eight-six per cent. of its female popu- England, Scotland and Wales. lation are unable to read or write. Only about of establishing a republic in that country. It needs fewer priests and more schoolmasters.

last two hundred years! Queen Victoria will visit Switzerland again this year, and make also a trip to Sicily and

Greece. She will avoid Florence and Rome, and go by steamer from Genon to Palermo. THE BREE IN SPAIN.-The committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society has determined to print 1,000,000 separate gospels (Valera's version) for immediate circulation in Spain. The

plan will be carried out by large successive editions. Taillefer, the cashier of a large insurance company in Paris, has embezzled a sum of 1,460,000 francs, and is now in prison. He had been thirtynine years in the company's employ. The Chairman proposed to hush the matter up, and offered to put down £20,000 toward making up the

defalcation, but the other Directors refused. The miners' strike in South Yorkshire, England, has assumed very formidable proportions; 1700 men are now out of employment and between high enough, and strong enough to overwhelm villages, then they must have passed entirely over by this real passed entirely over the passed entirely the Miners Union, which has a fund of £10,000, and by contributions from other trades.

duced from Paris, where it has been used several years-a letter sheet of fine paper which folds so as to form its own envelope. The convenience of this combined wrapper and page recalls the days of our grandmothers, when envelopes were unknown. The new fashion is decidedly more sensible than the majority of those which come from

is to make considerable use of the New Testament. men, that in one of his novels he incorporated a | is now accused of hostility and selfishness. large part of one of the gospels with great effect. THE OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP IN THE LORDS .- It

Conservative party in the House of Lords. Lord demnity. Malmesbury will give the usual dinner the day formally resign the leadership. The London Times, in advocating the adoption

of the system of distributing newspapers by mail in the United States, critcises severely the regulations of the British postoffice. In England, by far the greater part of newspaper transmission is performed by private enterprise, with the aid of the railways. The postoffice transmits newspapers, but at such rates and under such conditions. that it would seem the object to perform the least possible ansount of service at the greatest possible expense. To a country subscriber who receives The numerous observations made in different | the Times by post, its cost is increased by onethird, and the price of a penny paper is exactly doubled. Besides this, there are so many elabowhen collated and discussed, an important addition \_rate regulations to be observed in directing, and payment of bountles.

> proprietors to fines and delays. Spain.-In the Spanish Cortes, one of the Readvocated atheistical principles, and alluded to taken steps to prevent such an invasion. the Christian religion in terms of disrespect. He Madrid, May 21.—In reply to Senor Castelar's of the Cortes, who declared that the Deputy could not be permitted to continue his remarks. subsequently returned to their seats, and proposed a vote of censure against the President. A stormy debate followed, and resulted in the withdrawal of the resolution. Canon Monterola's amendment to the Constitution, in favor of maintaining the present unity of the Catholic religion

A Book which should be in Every Library and worship in Spain, was rejected. The Dutch authorities have decided not only that the Zuyder Zee can be dried up, but that inck, the inspector, has indeed reckoned that with steam power be could drain the Zuyder Zee dry in twenty-one months. It is estimated that even if the soil under the Zuyder Zee be on the average no better than that of the recovered land of Haarlem, the profit of the work will exceed the cost by fully ten millions of pounds sterling. The part of the Zee to be drained contains in round numbers 390,000 acres.

Strange as it may seem, it is a fact that the late Lord Brougham died without any assests, The explanation is that, long before his death, he had by deed of gift made over everything-ex-Chancellor's pension, house and lands, books, plate, furniture-to his brother William, the All of the above are for sale low, present peer, who in return provided for all expenses. Aversion to trouble about money matters is said to have suggested this arrangement. The Inland Revenue authorities, at first incredulous, satisfied themselves by private inquiry as to the bona fides and validity of the deed of gift. But it is a curious fact that an ex-Lord Chancellor, who for upward of thirty years received a pension of £5,000 a year, has died without paying a shilling of probate or legacy duty.

describes a remarkable demonstration there. It And at retail by all enterprising dealers it Paints. 665 6m FRIESE RE THE BEST AND MOST REwas the day appointed for the grand demonstration in favor of religious worship and a free church -the new creed of the republican party. There were about 30,000 people in the procession, but were about 50,000 people in the procession, but including chiefly the youth of the city, from sixteen to thirty years of age, many young ladies and women, marching five abreast. The prettiest girls and those dressed the nicest were the bearers of pure white flags. There was a great number of bands of music in the procession, and many expenses. The whole city made holiday.

now been set free, and the order has gone to Australia to liberate those who had been transported thither. It was said that the notorious . Captain" Mackay was among those who had been released. Sir Thomas Bateson interrogated the Irish Secretary on the subject in the House of Commons, recapitulating the crimes of which Mackay had been guilty, and received the reply that there was not, and never had been, any intention to release him. The Government have so far yielded to the pressure that has been brought to bear upon them, by discharging every political prisoner who, in their opinion, can safely and properly be set at fiberty.

Panis, May 4.—The Geographical Society tolay decreed a gold modal to Doctor Hayes, the

A communication from Rome states that the anthorities are engaged in organizing a service of reporters for the proceedings in the Œcumenical The withdrawal of the English squadron from Council. The Abbe Yigidias Marcheses, a Piedthe head of the shorthand writers. This ecclesmattic, a subject of the King of Italy, has only been in holy orders five years. Before pronouncto the Parliament of Turin.

> The comparative observance of Sunday relig- only iously in England and France is set forth differ. The late Admiral Sir Charles Napier, once said of the Westminister Gazette:

introduced, for the first time, for use at that They consist of three gold first-class and twelve there are whole districts in France where scarcely not peculiar, as many stordy Scots in every part of new blankets, having been infected with scarlet deserted, or left to the use of women and chil- especially of the lasses in the glens, and on the fever, were put away uncleansed in a wardrobe. dren. But making full allowance for this still moors, and in the streets of the towns and vi-Fourteen months afterwards the mistress of the almost normal state of certain districts in France, lages; and if he were a reader of Robert Burns, house had these blankets taken out and put upon it is, nevertheless, true that of a population of have thought upon the lines, where he describes, her own bed; in a few days she took the fever thirty-two millions in France, a greater percent- in the guise of a rural maden, the genius of Sixty-five per cent, of the male population of with the twenty-seven millions of inhabitants of should be

The New German Navy.-It may be rememone in every thirteen of the population goes to bered that the Parliament of the North German school. This does not speak well for the prospect | Confederation last year voted a loan of 10,000,000 | applied to the development of the German navy as the immortal song says, to paidle in the burns to conclude negotiations with France before the There is an old English statute which prohibits and defence of the coasts. The works were to that all over the mountain land are as plentful as people from getting married after a certain hour | have been spread over a certain number of years. | meadows in England. the day, because such a solemn obligation But since that time they have received so rapid "Paidle!" exclaims the English readerought to be entered into only when the parties an impulse and so considerable an extension that "what is paidling?" Nothing, my friend, but are duly soler. The world, including the English the credit is now exhausted. The Chancery of paddling about in the water with bare feet-a people, have certainly grown temperate in the the Confederation has in consequence just laid before the Federal Council a new bill to accord to gless and the mountains, and the recollection of the Ministry of Marine a supplementary credit of which, when brought to mind in a contany of 6,000,000 of thaylers (19,500,000 francs,) like- Scotsmen by the singing of what may be called wise to be realized by means of a loan. To justify their national song, invariably arouses their eathis demand, the necessity has been urged of fin- thusiasm, and fills them with patriotic emotion. ishing works already commenced, and of devoting | It can scarcely be denied that a bare foot and more funds to the increase of the naval material. leg is a more picturesque object than a foot with Such expenditure is declared to be indispensable an old patched, down-trodden boot or sice, and a to give to the North German Navy the amount of dirty darned stocking. But for young people the strength that ought to be insured to it.

trades or agriculture, may get a good hint from their stockings. And yet the poor of EngInd him. They want to be salesmen or traveling must spend a considerable portion of their scaty ence and self-respect go into bankruptey. A timated that the number of poor children utler young man with good health, pluck and a well twelve years of age, living in the rural disticts A new fashion in stationery has been intro- mastered trade can snap his fingers at the world, and cities of England is three millions-a mder-

The Alabama Question.

Loxbox, May 22.-Reverdy Johnson sails to-mor-

The London Times has another editorial on the One of the latest novelties in French journalism for complaint against America. Great Britain resisted the temptation to recognize the South, there-Alexander Dumas so thoroughly appreciated the by inflicting suffering on her people, disabliging an love of novelty which characterizes his country- ally-in fact, declared in favor of the North, and

Sir Francis Head has communicated several addi-To many of his readers it was the newest part of tional official documents to prove the assistance extended by America to the Canadian revolt in '37. He asserts in his letter accompanying the documents that Summer's language applies to that case and a handsome foot is, as everybody know, as has been definitely arranged that Lord Cairns as well as to the case of the Alabama, but the Ea- pleasant an object as a well shaped band. Indif will succeed Lord Malmesbury as a leader of the glish Government never received or claimed in-

The Pall Mall Gazette also has a leading article before the opening of Parliament, at which the on the Alabama claims question. The writer says left in England, unless it belonged to sor strong-Queen's Speech will be read, and he will then that whatever England did in respect to America. minded person of either sex, who was old and France did ten times more : for nothing but our re- firm enough to set fashion at defiance, ad to refusal to accept her invitation preventing the recog- fuse to outrage the simplicity of Naturnition of the Southern Confederacy.

The Weekly Specialor also discusses the question. The truth told by Mr. Forster, the old and stanneh friend of America, must teach the Americans how universal the resistance would be if Mr. Summer's demands were seriously pressed,

Manero. May 16 .- The Cortes has rejected the the comforts of man, that of the stemaker could proposition for the establishment of a triennial be most easily and advantageouslyd spensed with. Directory. It is believed a Regency will be cre- In England, among rich and pooraike, the norated with Serrano at the head Trouble has arisen mally shaped foot of an adult is tey seldom to be with the Cuban volunteers on account of the non-seen, as any doctor or surgeon an easily testify

Madrid, May 20.—A despatch has been received announcing that about 2,000 adherents of Queen forced from its natural position im curve toward tencies are constantly exposing the newspaper Isabella, under Gasset and Pezuela, have assembled at Perpignan, a French city on the Spanish frontler. At the last accounts they were nearly publican members made a speech in which he ready to cross the border. The Government has

was interrupted by Senor Rivero, the President speech, Admiral Topete declared that he was opposed to the restoration of Queen Isabella. He would be as little serviceable forwholesome exerthought the elevation of the Duke de Montpensier | cisc as those of the Chinese lads, whom we all The Republicans, indignant at the decision of the to the throne desirable, but he said as a member of agree to laugh at ; seeing the ote in our neigh-President, withdrew from the Chamber. They the Cabinet he should strictly subordinate his action bor's eye, but not in our on. It has been to the policy of the Prime Minister and Minister of equically suggested that the bet and shoemakers War, who, with himself and all members of the ace in league with the chiropeists and doctors to Ministry, would await the decision of the Cortes damage our health by means our feet, and that to-day for guidance. He concluded by advising the they are allowed a per centagoy the profession for Cortes to take care that no during man should cut the knot which they were mable to untie. Article 32 of the Constitution, declaring that all by the Cortes to-day by acclamation,

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I saw in the newspapers, not long ago, a piteons appeal from a clergyman in behalf of the poor, and especially of the little children, who had, as the reverend gentleman pathetically asserted, "scarcely a shoe or stocking to their poor little feet." Now, as I went barelooted myself. when a " wee callant," as most Scottish lads and lasses do in the rural districts, whether their parents be rich or poor, or of the decent middle class. I bethought myself that much might be said ing the vows, he was for a long time first reporter on behalf of bare feet for young children, whether as regarded health, cleanliness, beauty, or econ-

ently from the ordinary statement in these words in my hearing, that until he was twelve years of age, he never wore shoe or boot unless he went The State may enforce a people to abstain from into a town, and that he was always glad to get establishment. The number of clerks will be work and from open traffic on Sunday, but there back into the country again and take off the enits mission ends. It cannot compel them to go cambrance from his feet and legs. Sir Charles to church. In England, with no hindrance in was proud of his agility, and when close upon their way, the masses of the people stay away three score years and ten, could dance the "Highfrom church; in France, where the temptation of land Fling," and the "Gillie Callum," with a working in the fields, or of baying or selling in grace and alertness, which men young enough to be the cities, throws every obstacle in the way, the his grandsons might have envied. He attributed masses of the people, in spite of the sad havoe much of his vigor to his early training, and to the which Voltarianism and materialism have made fact that his feet had been left in his childhood in their ranks, keep the religious observance of and youth to the wholesome regimen of Scottish Sunday better than the same classes do in Eng- out-door life, to develop themselves as Nature inland. We say this with the full knowledge that tended. Sir Charles Napier's experience was a man is to be seen in church. In the Seine and the world can testify. Every one who has travel-Oise, an area of forty miles round Paris, for ed, either in the Highlands or the Lowlands, instance, godlessness is the rule; churches are must have noticed the legs, bare and shapely, and age attends church on Sunday than is the case Caledonia, without shoe or stocking, as a spirit

Down flowed her robe y' tartan sheen, Tili half a leg was scripply seen ; And such a leg! My bonnie Jean Alone could seer it!

Most children in rural Scotland are innocent of

bare foot has other than artistic and aesthetic The Duke of Argyll, a clear author and a prom- recommendations, and much may be said in favor inent statesman, has caused a stir in aristocratic of its economy, and, what is more important, of circles by placing one of his sons in a mercantile its healthfulness. Nothing in the back slum of business in London. Nobility has never thought English cities is more suggestive of squalor and it could venture any nearer honest labor than misery than the successful attempts of the poor to polities or, in a pinch, a learned profession. The be directly shod. A ragged coat or gown is ess Duke is sensible, and American young men, who | suggestive of extreme want than the forlorn bots in their way are as foolishly averse to mechanical and shoes of the children, and the filthiness of agents, and they crowd to the cities, elbow women | earnings in the attempt to procure what custm, ate calculation—and that each child costs five shillings a year for such poor boots, shoes, and stockings as his parents can purchase, we ave the sum of no less than £750,000 per annum expended for a purpose which the children of the poor Scotch, as well as the Irish never, noher think essential nor agreeable; and if the anual Although question, suggested by the recent speech of Mr. Forster. It says England has equal cause than nine millions of pounds sterling lost to the parents, without any real advantage to the hilren. Among the poorest of the poor, word it not be an advantage if the share contributi by them to this large total of wealth were expeded in bread and butter, and the other food regired, or if a little share of it went to pay the shool fees? There is no greater reason in Nature why the feet should be covered than the hands o ace quarter as much as the foot is cramped y the shoemakers, there would scarcely be a prety hand

As regards health, grace, and agility we have but to ask ourselves whence come cors and bunions, and how continually the sufferer from these painful callosities, are prevented by the torture they inflict, from taking the waling exercise which is alike the cheapest, the ust healthful, and the most agreeable, to be conneed that of all the handicrafts that minister to be wants and out of his experience. In fact, th feet of most men and women are deformed, an the great toe the little toe, which, in like manur, is curved inward. Were it not for the respitand the liberty accorded at night-which mitigte, but do not remove the evil-the feet of bglishmen, and more especially English women, the cramp them, in order that they may appear sall and pretty, the caliosities which they erece by the faulty construction of our nether integments. But cynics owers shall emanate from the people, was adopted are privileged to believe theworst of everything or everybody; and doubtlesthe Crispins, great Article 33 declaring that the form of government and small, would be quites willing to make to make natural ones, I fushion and custom would but run in that diretion. But custom is like the mountain, not tobe moved by the blast of a trumpet; and fishia is more obstinate in having its own way, in site of reason and remonstrance, than all themuls, pigs, and asses that ever existed since the cration of the world. I end in the spirt in which I began. Better a clean hand than adirty glove; better bare feet than clouted shoot am ragged stockings, and

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The Police Commissioners of Washington have PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER ously commented upon by the London papers. appointed a negro magistrate.

The bill contracted by Secretary Seward in telegraphing to Reverdy Johnson has been presented to Secretary Fish by the agent of the telegraph company for payment. It consists of a single item to the amount of \$40,000. Seward, it seems, was allowed cheap rates on messages, so he became verbose. When this bill came in, he refused to pay it; therefore it fell to the succeeding Administration. Secretary Fish declined to pay when it was presented. The President sent it to the Attorney-General for his opinion, which he is now engaged

recent disturbances in the south of Ireland. He says they are the acts of a few desperadoes. He denies the existence of an agrarian conspiracy. He affirms that the outrages are the result of the unhappy relations between landlord and tenant. and bids dissatisfied tenants look for hope to Par-DUBLIN, May 19 .- A fight occurred here to-day between two mobs, one composed of men from Tralee. The police who interfered were threat-

ened by the overpowering force of crowds who

joined the original combatants. The police force

fired into the crowd with fatal effect. One rioter

was killed and several persons wounded. Three

police were wounded, one fatally. The mob was finally dispersed. A large number of arrests were Paris, May 19.—Commissoner Burlingame has laid before the French Minister on Foreign Affairs the preliminaries of a treaty with China, the same thaylers (32,500,000 francs,) to be exclusively all patronage of the craft of St. Crispin, andlove, as that negotiated with Great Britain. He expects

> end of next month. London, May 15-11:30 P. M .- Political agitation is revived. Reverdy Johnson has taken formal leave of the

Muxich, May 20 .- The recent elections resulted generally in favor of a union of North and South

Loxpox, May 22.-Hongkong dates to April 25th say that placards are extensively posted throughout the Empire denouncing Christian missionaries

It is rumored that a Chinese official of high rank in Pekin, in a fit of anger slapped the French Am bassador in the face. The flag of the French legation was bauled down immediately. One of the greatest meetings ever assembled was

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